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CASSETTES OR READY-TO-USE PACKAGES

Amendment A: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On Page 3, revise paragraph [0010] as follows:

With reference to the figures, the present invention includes the structure of the apparatus called a printer 1. The cassette 2, of a shape and size depending on the types of ribbon, protects the thermal transfer printing ribbon 3 from contact with the operator, preventing the ribbon 3 from being accidentally unwound during handling and conveyance and being easily inserted in the printer 1, using the fixed references of the latter as guides. The take-up core 4 inside the cassette is necessary to rewind the used ribbon. The external driving device 5 rotates the take-up cores, 6 and 6' in the rest position, indicating a device specific to the printer 1 to extract the ribbon from the cassette and feeds the ribbon 3 out, bringing the ribbon 3 into contact with printhead 7 incorporated in the device itself. The heat-sensitive paper serves as the printing medium 9, 9', which is spooled on friction spindle 10, 11, indicating a series of guiding idle rollers and 8 a support 8 for a rubber-coated drive roller. The printing medium 9 is picked up by motorized rollers 12 and rewound around friction spindle 13.